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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

In Re

NEW ENGLAND MOTOR FREIGHT, INC., et al.,

Debtors,

Chapter 11

Case No. 19-12809 (JKS)

Jointly Administered

NEW ENGLAND MOTOR FREIGHT, INC. et al.,

Plaintiffs,

 $\mathbf{v}.$

PARTIES LISTED ON EXHIBIT A TO THE COMPLAINT and VARIOUS JOHN DOES

Adv. Pro. No. 19-1119 (JKS)

STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER REGARDING MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM STAY

DATED: July 16, 2019

The relief set forth on the following pages, numbered two (2) through (4), is hereby **ORDERED**.

Honorable John K. Sherwood United States Bankruptcy Court

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WHEREAS, on August 15, 2015, while operating her vehicle in Connecticut, Janice A. Goodall ("Goodall") was struck by a tractor-trailer operated by Rowan A. Phillip; and

WHEREAS, at the time of the aforesaid motor vehicle accident (the "Connecticut MVA"), New England Motor Freight, Inc., a Debtor in the within jointly administered Chapter 11 proceedings, was the employer of Mr. Phillip and the registered owner of the tractor-trailer involved in the collision; and

WHEREAS, on August 11, 2017, Goodall filed an action in the Superior Court of Connecticut, Judicial District of New Haven, captioned *Janice A. Goodall v. New England Motor Freight, Inc.*, et al., Docket No. NNH-CV17-6073538-S (the "Connecticut Litigation"); and

WHEREAS, on February 11, 2019, the Debtors in this jointly administered Chapter 11 case filed their bankruptcy petitions; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2019, the Debtors filed the complaint in the above-captioned Adversary Proceeding and a motion seeking a preliminary injunction against all pending motor vehicle accidents involving the Debtors [Docket No. 3 in Adv. Pro. 19-1119 (JKS)] (the "Injunction Motion"); and

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WHEREAS, on May 17, 2019, Goodall filed a motion for an Order granting relief from stay to proceed with personal injury litigation pending in Connecticut state court; and

WHEREAS, payments to other claimants involved in the Connecticut MVA have exhausted (i) the Debtors' self-insured retention obligation of \$500,000 under an Excess Indemnity Contract between the Debtors and Protective Insurance Company ("Protective") in effect at the time of the Connecticut MVA; (ii) coverage up to \$5 million per occurrence provided by Protective under the same Excess Indemnity Contract; (iii) and an additional layer of insurance coverage between \$5 million - \$10 million per occurrence provided by Lexington Insurance Company ("Lexington"); and

WHEREAS, in the Connecticut Litigation, Goodall seeks monetary compensation for her personal injuries suffered in the Connecticut MVA; and

WHEREAS, in the Connecticut Litigation, Goodall is not seeking recovery from the Debtors' self-insured retention or the Protective or Lexington policies of insurance covering the Debtors; and Case 19-12809-JKS Doc 748 Filed 07/16/19 Entered 07/17/19 12:17:27 Desc Main Document Page 4 of 5

WHEREAS, in the Connecticut Litigation, Goodall is seeking to recover only from insurance policy(ies) issued by Travelers providing coverage to the Debtors for

losses in excess of \$10 million per occurrence, and not directly from the Debtors; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, Goodall hereby agrees to waive its right to any recovery from the Estates, and forever waives, releases and discharges the Debtors, the

Debtors' estates, and each of their respective successors, agents and assigns of and from

any and all manner of action and actions, cause and causes of action, suits, guarantees.

debts, sums of money, accounts, reckonings, bonds, bills, covenants, contracts,

controversies, agreements, promises, variances, trespasses, damages, judgments,

executions, claims, and demands whatsoever in law or in equity, now known or

unknown, or hereafter becoming known, for, upon, or by reason of any matter, cause or

thing related to the Connecticut Litigation and/or the Connecticut MVA, whether or not

such claims are known or unknown to Goodall, and whether or not such claims have been

asserted by Goodall, except with respect to the Allowed Proof of Claim, as defined

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NOW THEREFORE, the Parties stipulated and agree, and the Court hereby finds and **ORDERS** as follows:

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1. The automatic stay is hereby terminated as set forth herein pursuant to

Section 362(d) of the Bankruptcy Code as to Janice A. Goodall and the Connecticut

Litigation.

2. Goodall shall be entitled to file a nominal proof of claim in the above-

captioned jointly administered Chapter 11 proceedings in the amount of \$1.00 for the

purposes of pursuing recovery in the Connecticut Litigation against applicable insurance

policy(ies), which claim shall be deemed allowed pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 502, provided,

however, that Goodall shall not be entitled to receive any distribution from the Debtors'

estates on account of such allowed claim (the "Allowed Proof of Claim").

3. The Bankruptcy Court will retain jurisdiction over all matters related to

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this Stipulation and Consent Order.

AGREED TO AND JOINTLY SUBMITTED BY:

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